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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTER, PINS, EPET, PHUM, CO
SUBJECT: ELN BLOWS UP OIL PIPELINE IN CESAR, WREAKING
GHASTLY ECOLOGICAL DAMAGE

1. (U) AN ELN GUERRILLA UNIT BLEW UP A SEGMENT OF THE
OIL PIPELINE AT DAWN MAY 12. IT IS THE FIRST SUCESSFUL
ATTEMPT BY THAT GUERRILLA GROUP TO BLOW UP A PIPELINE
SEGMENT SINCE MARCH. THE SABOTAGE ATTACK OCCURRED IN
KM. 547 OF THE CANO LIMON-COVENAS PIPELINE IN
CHIMICHAGUA (CESAR DEPARTMENT). THE SPILL CONTAMINATED
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NEARBY LAKE ZAPATOSA, CAUSING SERIOUS ECOLOGICAL
DAMAGE. THE DESTRUCTION OF AN ESTIMATED EIGHTY PERCENT
OF THE LAKE'S FISH STOCK HAS WIPED OUT THE LIVELIHOOD OF

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200 RESIDENT FAMILIES. THIS IS THE EIGHTH SABOTAGE ATTEMPT ON THE OIL PIPELINE IN 1990.

2. (C) FROM MARCH UNTIL MAY 12 ARMED FORCES HAD MANAGED TO PREVENT THIS TYPE OF ELN ACTIVITY IN THE VAST AREA OF EASTERN COLOMBIA TRAVERSED BY THE OIL PIPELINE. THE ELN APPARENTLY EVADED ARMY VIGILANCE ON MAY 12 BY CHOOSING A PIPELINE SEGMENT IN CESAR DEPARTMENT, INSTEAD OF THE MORE "TRADITIONAL" TARGET AREAS IN ARAUCA INTENDENCY OR META DEPARTMENT.
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